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1. Adhemar de Barros, the Governor of Sao Paulo, is definitely expected to run in the 1950 Brazilian presidential elections. He has not declared himself because he wished to avoid any tactical disadvantage such a declaration might cause. A campaign is being planned which would bring persons not belonging to any political party into the Partido Social Progressista (Social Progressive Party - PSP) or other sympathetic groups. De Barros feels that concentration on this faction will secure a number of votes in his favor, since the PSP has decided to support the Governor for President.

2. Oswaldo Aranha, another presidential candidate, was visited by several important Communists during the middle of April. This group, which included Abel Chermont, Rui Faco, Jose Marin Crispim, Antonio Rollemberg, Vitorino Senna, and either Milton or Nabor Gaiars do Brito, reportedly was told by Aranha that if he ran for president and was elected, he would restore the legality of the Communist Party of Brazil.

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